Corruption cases in ITDC

3625. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of corruption, misuse of power and official position, favouritism and red-tapism by the officials of ITDC brought to the notice of Government/ITDC Management by Members of Parliament, Trade Union Organisations or the individuals during 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and upto July, 1992;

(b) what is the number of cases referred to in part (a) above, which have been referred for vigilance investigation/Inquiry to Government investigating agencies, and also those dealt with ITDC internally, during the above said period, and

(c) what is the summary of those cases where complaints have been found without substance and also those where action has been taken aaginst the defaulting officials till date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) ITDC's Corporate Office received 92 such cases. These cases were enquired by the Vigilance Division of the Corporation and 5 cases have been referred to the Government Agencies for investigation.

(c) Out of 92 cases, allegations were not substantiated in 50 cases. Action has been initiated by the ITDC in 28 cases and the balance 14 cases are in hand for investigation in the Corporation.

Development of Tourism in Maharashtra

3626. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tourism Development Corporation, Maharashtra has sent some proposals for financial assistance of the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon including details of funds provided for various schemes for promotion of tourism in Maharashtra;

(c) details of schemes formulated under consideration for development of wastern coast for promotion of tourism; and

(d) what schemes are formulated to involved students visits to selected tourist spots and provisions of adequate amenities and facilities at tourist centres for visiting students?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In consultation with the State Government of Maharashtra, the following projects have been listed by the Department of Tourism for Central financial assistance for the Year 192-93:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Estimated cost
(1) Development of Gandhi Samarak Ashram at Pune	30·00
(2) Sound and Light Show at Shanivanwada	45·00
(3) Provision of tourist facilities and wayside amenities at Nanded	15·00
(4) Toilet and drinking water facilities and wayside amenities at Jotiba	16·00

(c) and (d) A tourist circuit in the Konkan region is being identified for intensive debelopment. However, no final decision in this regard has been taken.

Tickets of different airlines booked by ITDC

3627. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ATT Division of ITDC books the tickets of different Airlines on commission basis;

(b) if so, what are the detailed arrangements about the above said activities between ITDC's ATT Division and different Airlines and the type of benefits and facilities which ITDC received from different Airlines besides the commission charges;

(c) whether it is a also a fact that different airlines *inter-alia* give discount upto 75 percent to the employees of ATT Division of ITDC who wish to travel by their airlines; and

(d) if so, the details of such beneficiaries who availed such benefits for and on behalf of ATT Division of ITDC from the date the arrangement was made with different airlines by ITDC till July, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Apart from the prescribed commission for sale of tickets, ATT Division is entiled to 75 per cent Additional Discount tickets and also discounted/complimentary tickets for familiarisation tours as per the prescribed norms.

(c) Yes, Sir. These discounted tickets are issued within the prescribed limits.

(d) 12 officials of ITDC have been the beneficiaries on international/domestic sector of different Airlines. In addition, spouses of 2 officials have also availed of the facility.

Replacement of components by airbus industries

3628. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government asked the Airbus Industries to accept onus for the break up of the nose wheel assembly of the A-320 which landed at Patna Airport on 12th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details of the investigations made about the accident and the response of Airbus Industries in this regard;

(c) whether the Airbus Industries had replaced the affected components of the four airbus A-310 aircraft planes of Air India feet which developed corrosion in pressure panels;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that the substandard panel components were used in the Airbus; and

(f) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The incident is under investigation by the D.G.C.A.

(c) and (d) The affected deck panels have been replaced by Air India. Air India is in correspondence with Airbus Industries as regards cost of replacement.

(e) and (f) The cause of corrosion is under investigation.